

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Hill called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners McDowell, McKinney, Fischer, DeTienne, and Mayor Hill. A quorum was present.

Also present: Police Chief Steve Dumyahn, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, Public Works Director Ray Roberts, City Administrator David Knabel, Building & Zoning Director Richard Ianson and City Attorney Paula Randall.

Mayor Hill led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to accept the City Council meeting agenda with the following changes:

- Delete item 13. **CLOSED SESSION** – (Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 “Open Meetings”) for the discussion of collective bargaining, personnel

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Fischer, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/RESOLUTION/GIBBIE BUCHHOLZ

Mayor Hill presented Gibbie Buchholtz with a Resolution of Appreciation for Outstanding Community Service. Mr. Buchholtz is always on hand to photograph or video community and government events. He has contributed countless hours of his time to help keep the community informed of the happenings in Zion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clyde McLemore, Zion thanked the Zion Police Department for their efforts in the apprehension and arrest of the woman involved in the CVS incident. He wonders why the law is different for black and brown people than it is for white people. He stated there have been national incidents involving black people that have resulted in blacks being shot by police and other incidents involving white people for similar crimes that do not get shot by police. He stated there should never be a time that someone is killed. He stated he refuses to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance because it hurts him to see all the African Americans being killed. He also stated that he submitted a FOIA to the City for copies of legal bills pertaining to the objection hearing for the Mayoral candidate. He referenced the charges circled on the itemized bill. He asked what the taxpayers have paid for this hearing. Mayor Hill stated the charges are for the attorney’s review of the proper procedures for the objection process. Mr. McLemore stated the taxpayers paid for the attorney’s services for two days. Mayor Hill stated the attorney was present for both sessions of the hearing. He stated on day one, the objector requested subpoenas be issued to certain entities to get facts for their objection. By law, the Electoral Board must be the one to give permission to serve the subpoenas. The second day of the hearing was to present the information from the subpoenas. He stated the objector, the candidate and the Electoral Board (City) each have their own counsel. Mr. McLemore asked why the City needed to get involved. Mayor Hill stated the election code states the Mayor, the Clerk and longest serving Council member make up the Electoral Board. He stated the attorney is needed to guide and advise the Board through the process. Mr. McLemore stated he will file another FOIA for January’s legal fees.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on December 18, 2018 at 8:07 p.m.; a Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on January 15, 2018 at 9:24 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 131256 through 131372 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A. Total: \$762,397.49

Approved by omnibus vote as follows: Commissioners McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Fischer, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/DES PLAINES RIVER WATERSHED-BASED PLAN

Director Roberts stated Lake County Stormwater Management Commission is requesting municipalities adopt the Des Plaines River Watershed-Based Plan. The plan provides communities the access to grant funding to implement projects and programs recommended in the plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that a Resolution (19-R-1) be passed adopting the Des Plaines River Watershed-Based Plan as requested by Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Fischer, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

ORDINANCE/FIRST READING/AMENDING ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/CITY STICKERS

Director Knabel stated over the last few months during the budget workshops a list was made of cuts and potential revenue increases. The proposed ordinance relates to an increase in vehicle stickers. During budget discussions it was decided to increase fines, fees and permits by 10%. City stickers would increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00. Currently City stickers are good for two years. He stated \$1.7 million is needed in expense cuts to help balance the budget. He stated \$1.3 million of that will come from salary/benefit and personnel cuts. He stated the City is trying to minimize the impact on the residents. The proposed City sticker increase will bring in an additional \$50,000 in revenue. If the ordinance is not adopted, the Council will have to find an additional \$50,000 elsewhere. He stated the City is trying to be as fiscally responsible as they can. He recommends the increase that would be effective for City stickers that will go on sale March 1, 2019. Current stickers expire on May 1, 2019.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that the First Reading of an Ordinance be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Section 90-237(b), 90-239(a)(1), 90-240(b) & 90-243(b) regarding City Stickers. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, nay; McKinney, aye; Fischer, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

The Second Reading of this amending ordinance will be considered for final action at the February 19, 2019 City Council meeting. Anyone interested in reviewing the proposed fee increase may obtain a copy of or view the ordinance at City Hall.

LAKE COUNTY/INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT/MAINTENANCE SERVICES

A memo (19-DOC-3) was received from Director Roberts regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County Public Works for services for the Stonebridge Crossing Subdivision lift station. Director Roberts stated the current agreement for maintenance is expiring with Metropolitan Pump Company from Romeoville, IL and Patton Power Systems from Elmhurst IL. Maintenance for the sanitary lift station and generator will cover mechanical and electrical PM, wet well cleaning, vactor cleaning, CCTV inspection and 24/7 emergency repair. He recommends approval of the agreement. If approved, the agreement will go before the County Board for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McKinney to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Zion and Lake County Public Works for services for the Stonebridge Crossing subdivision lift station. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Fischer, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

CITY POLICY/WARMING AND COOLLING CENTERS

A memo (19-DOC-4) was received from Chief Lewis regarding the adoption of a City policy for warming and cooling and centers. He stated over the years, the City of Zion has operated without a written policy identifying warming and cooling centers for use by residents in the event of extreme weather temperatures or other incidents. The City has been successful in managing incidents on an “as needed” basis. Recently City Administrator Knabel, Township Supervisor Neal, Pastor Ken Fielding and Chief Lewis met to discuss the need for a City policy to deal with extreme temperature situations. The end goal of the committee was to establish common guidelines for identifying warming and cooling centers within the City of Zion and develop a policy which identifies various facilities that could be utilized during these emergencies. The policy outlines general guidelines on warming and cooling centers, the criteria for opening identified centers, methods for community notification and the identified centers along with their normal operating hours. The identified centers listed are subject to use for public warming and cooling centers only as authorized by the lead administrator of the center and is not guaranteed to be available if needed. Verbal agreements have been received from the lead administrators and are working on obtaining signed agreements between the City of Zion and the identified warming center to be on file at City Hall. The following facilities have agreed to serve as identified Centers:

- 1) Zion City Hall, 2828 Sheridan Road: Open during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding holidays.
- 2) Zion Benton Public Library, 2400 Gabriel Avenue: Open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 3) Zion Park District Leisure Center, 2400 Dowie Memorial Drive: Open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 4) Christian Assembly of God, 2929 Bethel Blvd.: Open 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Overnight depending on need).

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the adoption of the City of Zion Warming and Cooling Center Policy for use during extreme weather conditions. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Fischer, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

RING SECURITY CAMERAS

Commissioner McDowell stated he, Commissioner McKinney, Sonolito Bronson and Administrator Knabel have been working on getting together a proposal with Ring Security Systems. They are looking at a program where Ring Security will contribute \$50.00 and the City of Zion will contribute \$50.00 toward a \$100 camera (which would make it free to the resident). If a resident choses a higher end camera, there would be a cost to the resident. He stated per the program requirement they would be committed to installing 200 cameras throughout the City. The City’s cost would be about \$10,000. Ring Security will come out and explain the program to the residents. Commissioner McKinney stated that he has the system in his home and helps give him a piece of mind. He stated a test market was set up in Sacramento, California. He stated results showed crime was reduced by 30% in areas where the cameras were prevalent. He stated it could be a terrific way to help with public safety and stabilize neighborhoods. Commissioner McDowell stated they will be looking for ways to fund the project. He stated he had a meeting with Lake County Sheriff Idelburg and would like to check with State and Federal Representatives for grants. Mayor Hill asked if they have checked with any other companies. Commissioner McDowell stated they are checking with Netgear and Nest but Ring is the front runner. Mayor Hill asked how they would determine who would get the cameras. Commissioner McDowell stated they would identify neighborhoods with the most crime. Administrator Knabel stated the program is not limited to 200 cameras is the amount necessary to start the program. The plan would cost residents \$3.00 a month or \$36.00 a year to cover the data plan. Mayor Hill asked if all companies could come to the City to make a presentation. Commissioner McDowell stated to date, no other companies have returned calls. He stated the Ring system has many advantages. He stated residents would receive the free cameras on a first come, first service basis. Mayor Hill stated he feels it is a great idea. He stated he would like to see a program be worked out and see cameras all over the City. He asked Commissioner McDowell to continue working on the program and keep the Council updated.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER/RAFFLE MANAGER’S FIDELITY BOND

A memo (19-DOC-5) was received from Clerk Spooner regarding a request for waiver of the raffle manager’s fidelity bond requirement from the Kiwanis Club of Zion Benton. The Club submitted a raffle application requesting permission to conduct a raffle for fundraising purposes during their annual pancake breakfast at Zion-Benton Township High School. The applicant is requesting a waiver of the manager’s fidelity bond. Clerk Spooner stated that, per the Zion Municipal Code, only the City Council can waive the bond requirement.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, to waive the raffle manager’s fidelity bond requirement, as requested by the Kiwanis Club of Zion Benton, per their application to conduct a raffle for fundraising purposes. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Fischer, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER/RAFFLE MANAGER’S FIDELITY BOND

A memo (19-DOC-6) was received from Clerk Spooner regarding a request for waiver of the raffle manager’s fidelity bond requirement from Zion Firefighters Fundraising Inc. The organization submitted a raffle application requesting permission to conduct a raffle for fundraising purposes during their Trivia Night at the Inn at Market Square. The applicant is requesting a waiver of the manager’s fidelity bond. Clerk Spooner stated that, per the Zion Municipal Code, only the City Council can waive the bond requirement.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to waive the raffle manager’s fidelity bond requirement, as requested by Zion Firefighters Fundraising, Inc. per their application to conduct a raffle for fundraising purposes. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Fischer, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Mayor Hill invited Ms. Cynthia Lincke to say a few words regarding Gibbie Buchholz. Ms. Lincke stated she has been a resident of Zion for 17 years. She stated Mr. Buchholz has been at every event to take pictures or videos. She stated we must honor people while they are still alive. She thanked Mr. Buchholz for capturing the memories of the City of Zion and their families and the surrounding communities. She is honored to be present while “Gibbie” is being honored. She stated the citizens of Zion appreciate and love him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 19	6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
March 6	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner McDowell and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk